

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
MCKENZIE MUNICIPAL-REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
26 MAY 2015 MEETING
McKENZIE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX @ 4:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order: Vice Chairperson Keith Priestley called the 26 May 2015 meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

- II. Roll Call / Establishment of a Quorum: Quorum of four present.

MMRPC: Keith Priestley, Vice-Chair; Jill Holland, Mayor; Garlon Prewitt, Secretary; Bobby Young

Absent: Dean Robb, Medical; Ken Mitchum; Gene Hale (Council Liaison)

Quorum Present: Yes

Planning Staff: Shelton I. Merrell, Regional Planner, SW TN Development District

Other: David M. Kelly, Codes Officer Consultant; Walter Butler, President Bethel University

Media: None

- III. Reading and Approval of the 23 April 2015 Minutes:

Motion by: Jill Holland; Second by: Garlon Prewitt; Passed: 4-0 (3 absent)

- IV. Approval of Agenda for 26 May 2015: Reviewed.

Motion by: Bobby Young; Second by: Garlon Prewitt; Passed: 4-0 (3 absent)

- V. Reports:

A. Main Street Progress:

Commissioner Prewitt and Mayor Holland updated the MMRPC on the progress of the McKenzie Main Streets application. The application is finished except for photos, more letters of support, 3-year budget, maps, and final printing. Mayor Holland asked the Commissioners to write letters and she will e-mail the City Councilpersons to have letters ready for upcoming meeting. Mayor Holland reminded us that this upcoming Saturday is our first Nights on Broadway event and to remember the Listening Tour Walk is starting.

B. Bethel University Update:

Walter Butler, President, Bethel University, presented an updated version of the current and future plans anticipated at the school. See below:

1. Thanks to a grant acquired through the City of McKenzie, the library/Safe Shelter project is not only on schedule but about \$90,000 under budget. The school has plans to use the excess money for some cosmetic improvements that are necessary.

2. This grant has been so successful that President Butler may apply for a second grant. The Safe Shelter will withstand 200 mph winds and has room for 1,800 people.
3. President Butler stated that they would like to use the recently purchased Como House to relocate the Development Department in the house and asked if there would be a zoning issue. We told him that zoning is not a problem due to being in an Institutional Zone.
4. The university will begin the paving of on-campus streets sometime between August 1st and September 15th.
5. Mayor Holland reminded President Butler to include the city's name as often as prudent in its communications and publicity.

C. Publicity:

Mayor Holland announced that the City of McKenzie will be included in the American Music Triangle which is a worldwide effort to promote the many genres of music in Tennessee. The scope of the publicity will reach local, state, national and international visitors; thus, giving a boost in tourism. The program administrators asked for us to send them our Nights on Broadway information.

VI. Old Business:

- A. Discussion of the 2029 McKenzie Municipal-Regional Land Use Amendment:
This topic has been placed on the June agenda when our chairman will be back from his medical leave.
- B. Status of Planning Legislation Presented During the 1st Session of the 109th Tennessee General Assembly:

Shelton I. Merrill, Regional Planner, gave us a packet of the condensed versions of pertinent legislation and provided a brief explanation.

- C. The discussion of the Agenda Meeting Starting time will be placed on the June agenda.

VII. New Business:

- A. Discussion of Conservation District Slum-like Conditions:

Mayor Holland stated she has received complaints from concerned citizens in the Conservation District regarding indoor furniture and dining room tables left on the front porch for extended periods of time, boarded-up windows, large amounts of clutter left for long durations, and many other related conditions. We discussed the best way to assert ourselves to this problem and one option is to amend the existing Slum Ordinance. This topic will be added to the June agenda.

VIII. Other Business:

A. June Agenda and Regular Planning Commission Meeting:

Meeting Schedule:

Agenda Meeting: Thursday, 11 June 2015 at 2:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting: Thursday, 25 June 2015 at 4:30 P.M.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by: Bobby Young; Second by: Garlon Prewitt; Passed: 4-0 (3 absent)

The 26 May 2015 McKenzie Municipal-Regional Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 5:32 P.M.